

Today's Market Quotations

DEALERS PROFIT
AND LISTS DROP

Unloading of Holdings for Realization
of Gains Had Usual Effect On
the Market.

New York, Dec. 23.—Profit taking exercised the usual effect on stock trading today but recoveries were prompt. Mexican Petroleum extending its gain to 1.05%, while steel rose almost a point to 1.04%. Steel was offered in large blocks, one 5,000 share lot selling at 85%. New York Central dropped further accumulation, advancing 1/4 to 1.04%. Its top price in two years.

Unusual activity was shown by Lake Erie and Western Common and preferred and New York, Chicago and St. Louis at substantial gains, but Erie was distinctly heavy. General Motors fell 1/4 to 47 3/4, and Bethlehem Steel 1/4 to 48.

Coppers and oils were again the leaders at the outset of today's moderately active stock market. Initial gains of substantial fractions to a full point were recorded by American Smelting, Utah Anaconda and Tennessee Coppers. Mexican Petroleum rose a point to the new record of 103 1/2. United States Steel scored a fractional advance at the opening, soon adding to it again. Such specialties as Crucible Steel, Studebaker and American car also were slightly higher.

LAST SALES.

Louisville & Nashville	126 1/2
Maxwell Motor Co.	75 1/2
Mexican Petroleum	103 1/2
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd.	15 1/2
Missouri Pacific	4
National Lead	64 1/2
New York Central	107 1/2
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	75 1/2
Norfolk & Western	122 1/2
Northern Pacific	117
Pennsylvania	59
Ray Consolidated Copper	35 1/2
Reading	82 1/2
Republic Iron & Steel	55
Southern Pacific	102 1/2
Southern Railway	23
Studebaker Co.	167 1/2
Texas Co.	230
Tennessee Copper	60
United Pacific	128 1/2
United States Rubber	54 1/2
United States Steel	86 1/2
United States Steel, pfd.	115 1/2
Utah Copper	80 1/2
Western Union	87
Westinghouse Electric	87
Wabash, pfd.	29
China Copper	55
Crucible Steel	74 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	25 1/2
Erie	42 1/2
General Electric	174 1/2
General Motors	48 1/2
Goetzlich Co.	72 1/2
Great Northern Ore. Cls.	49
Great Northern pfd.	126
Illinois Central	107
Interborough-Conduit Corp.	21 1/2
Inter. Harvester, N. J.	31
Albia-Chalmers	32
American Beet Sugar	69 1/2
American Can	60 1/2
American Car & Foundry	77 1/2
American Cotton Oil	54 1/2
American Locomotive	69 1/2
American Smelting & Refining	105 1/2
American Sugar Refining	116 1/2
American Tel. and Tel.	128 1/2
Anaconda Copper	89 1/2
Atchafalpa	106 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	117 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	92 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	47 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	87 1/2
California Petroleum	32
Canadian Pacific	181
Central Leather	53 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	62 1/2
L. M. and St. P.	94 1/2

New York Sugar.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sugar: centrifugal 4.30; molasses 4.12; refined quiet.

WHEAT DEVELOPS
FRESH STRENGTH

Influenced by Liverpool Cable Reports
of Continued Demand Prices
Register a Rise.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat developed fresh strength today, influenced by Liverpool reports of continued urgent European demands. Besides, predictions were that world's shipments this week, other than from America, would be light.

Assertions that New York interests with French connections were good buyers led to a further upturn, the market touching a new high price level for the 1915 crop. It was said export sales today would aggregate 1,000,000 bushels. The close was 2 1/2 to 3c net higher, with December at 1.24, and May at 1.25 1/2.

After opening 1/4c off to 1/4c up, with December at 1.24 1/2, and May at 1.25 1/2, the market underwent a moderate sag, but the close was above yesterday's close.

Corn hardened with wheat. Favorable weather was offset by small receipts. Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged to 1/4c higher, were followed by a slight decline.

Despite heavy selling the market went to top prices of the season, the close 1/4 to 1/2c net higher.

Oats were governed chiefly by the action of corn.

Scattered buying by commission houses gave firmness to provisions. Weakness in the hog market was largely ignored.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Wheat: No. 2 red 1.23 1/2@1.24; No. 3 red 1.05@1.08; No. 2 hard 1.22 1/2@1.25; No. 3 hard 1.15 1/2@1.19 1/2.

Corn: No. 2 yellow old 75c; No. 4 yellow new 65@66 1/2; No. 4 white new 67c.

Oats: No. 2 white 41 1/2@42 1/4c; standard 43 1/2@44c.

Rye: No. 3 white 41 1/2@42 1/4c; standard 43 1/2@44c.

Rye: No. 2, 86 1/2c; barley 61@62c; timothy 5.00@5.75; clover 10.00@10.50; pork 16.50; lard 3.50; ribs 9.87@10.25.

Chicago Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Butter unchanged. Eggs: receipts 433 cases; unsettled; firsts 28 1/2@29c; ordinary firsts 25 1/2@27c; at mark cases included 22@23 1/2c.

Potatoes: higher; receipts 18 cars; Michigan and Wisconsin white 68@78c; Minnesota and Dakota white 70@75c; Minnesota and Dakota Ohio 65@75c.

Poultry: alive lower; fowls 11 1/2@12c; springs 2 1/2c; turkeys 16c.

St. Louis Provisions.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Poultry and butter unchanged.

Eggs: 24 1/2c.

New York Provisions.

New York, Dec. 23.—Butter: steady; receipts 6,698; creamery extras 34 1/2@35c; firsts 28 1/2@33 1/2c; seconds 25 1/2@28c.

Eggs: weak; receipts 8,722; fresh gathered extra fine 35@36c; extra firsts 33@34c; firsts 31@32c; seconds 29@30c.

Cheese: firm; receipts 2,174; state whole milk flat held special 17 1/2@18c; ditto average fancy 17c; ditto current make special 16 1/2@17c; ditto average fancy 15 1/2@16c.

Dressed poultry steady; fresh killed chickens 15@17c; fowls 13@15 1/2c; turkeys 23@25c.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Wheat: No. 2 hard 1.12@1.16; No. 2 red 1.17@1.20; No. 2 mixed 67c; No. 2 white 66c; No. 2 yellow 67 1/2@68c.

Oats: No. 2 white 43 1/2@44c; No. 2 mixed 39@40c.

Rye 87c.

Hay: timothy 11.00@12.00; prairie 9.50@10.00; alfalfa 15.50@16.00.

Liverpool Grain.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Wheat: No. 2 hard winter, new, 12s 1d.

Corn: American mixed, new, 9s 4d.

HOGS DECLINE AS
SHIPMENTS GROW

Heavy Supply Crows Chicago Hog
Market and Prices in All Values
Weaken Accordingly.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Hog values declined today because of the largeness of the supply, which included considerable left over from yesterday. Cattle, sheep and lambs were comparatively scarce.

Omaha Live Stock.

Omaha, Dec. 23.—Hogs: Receipts, 15,000; lower; heavy, 6.20@6.35; light, 6.10@6.20; pigs, 5.25@5.29; bulk, 6.15@6.25.

Cattle: Receipts, 1,500; steady; steers, 5.75@5.95; cows and heifers, 5.25@5.75.

Sheep: Receipts, 1,200; slow; yearlings, 6.25@7.55; wethers, 5.75@6.50; lambs, 8.40@8.85.

St. Louis Live Stock.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Hogs: Receipts, 14,500; lower; pigs and lights, 5.75@6.35; heavy, 6.50@6.60.

Cattle: Receipts, 2,100; steady; steers, 7.50@10.40; cows and heifers, 5.50@10.20; calves, 6.00@9.50.

Sheep: Receipts, 300; steady; yearlings, 6.50@7.50; lambs, 8.00@9.25; sheep, 5.50@6.50.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Hogs: Receipts, 7,000; lower; bulk, 6.00@6.40; heavy, 6.30@6.50; light, 5.90@6.25; pigs, 5.00@5.75.

Cattle: Receipts, 700; strong; steers, 6.00@9.75; cows and heifers, 4.00@9.00; calves, 6.00@9.00.

Sheep: Receipts, 2,200; steady; lambs, 5.25@8.85; yearlings, 6.75@7.50; wethers, 5.75@6.50; ewes, 5.25@6.00.

Toledo Grain.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Clover seed prime cash and December 12.30; February 12.35; March 12.15.

Alfalfa prime cash and December 10.30; February 10.50; March 10.60.

Timothy prime cash and December 3.80; February 3.85; March 3.90.

Kansas City Provisions.

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—Butter, eggs and poultry unchanged.

Omaha Grain.

Omaha, Dec. 23.—Wheat: No. 2 hard 1.14@1.15.

Corn: No. 3 white 64@65c; No. 3 yellow 66@67c; No. 3, 65@66c.

Oats: No. 3 white 40@41c.

Early Irish Kings.

Beginning from A. D. 4, seven successive kings of Ireland were slain, four of them by their successors.

LOCAL MARKETS.

Dec. 23.—Following are the wholesale quotations on the local markets today:

Vegetables.

Parsley, dozen bunches 30c

Cabbage, dozen 30 to 40c

Leaf lettuce, pound 10c

Caiflower, dozen 1.17c

Radishes, dozen 15c

Turnips, per bushel 40c

Beets, per bushel 40c

Late potatoes 85c

Carrots, per bushel 50c

Celery, per dozen 30c

Onions, per 100 pounds \$1.50

Parasnis, per bushel 50c

Sweet potatoes, per bushel 90c

Wax beans, per hamper \$3

Butter, Eggs and Poultry.

Cheese, brick, lb. 18c

Butter, creamery, half, lb. 25c

Butter, dairy, lb. 25c

Eggs, fresh 30 to 31c

Eggs, storage 25c

Old roosters 7c

Spring chickens 13c

Hens 11c

Butter, creamery, print, lb. 22c

Fruit.

Home apples, per bu. 50c

All the news all the time—The Argus.

ILLINOIS NEWS

Quaquo, Ill.—Quaquo's first municipal woodpile was given its initial try-out Wednesday and is proving a success. Two men were arrested for misdemeanors and not being able to pay their fines were taken to the woodpile to saw out their assessments.

Cairo, Ill.—The city commission by unanimous vote has decided that the Sunday closing law against saloons should be enforced beginning Jan. 1. The saloon license cost has been reduced from \$1,000 to \$500.

Freeport, Ill.—In a revolver duel fought in the dark at the home of John Miles Wednesday, Miles was shot to death and Edward Faine was fatally wounded. They quarreled over a small sum of money Faine lent Miles.

EMBARGO RAISED ON
NEW FOUNDLAND FISH

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 23.—Announcement was made today that the New Foundland government had been advised of the removal of the prohibition of exportation of fish from this colony to Greece imposed by the British government some time ago as an incident of its efforts to obtain the support of Greece in the Balkan campaign. Several vessels laden with cod which had been held at Gibraltar have been permitted to proceed to their destinations.

Steel Merger Assured.

New York, Dec. 23.—The proposed merger of Cambria Steel, Youngstown Sheet and Tube company and two or three other steel companies is now virtually assured, J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown company, stated today.

Four Kinds of People.

There are four kinds of people.

(a) Those who are grouchy at home and pleasant everywhere else.

(b) Those who are pleasant at home and grouchy everywhere else.

(c) Those who are pleasant both at home and elsewhere.

(d) Those who are grouchy everywhere.

Class (a) are as the sands of the sea.

Class (b) are rare.

Class (c) are rarer.

Class (d) are public and private nuisances.—Strickland Gillilan, in Judge.

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at home by selecting gifts from Argus advertisers offers.

The Day in Davenport

Real Estate Transfers.—Following are deeds filed at the court house:

Pierce Burke to Louisa J. Burke, lot 17 and 18, A. C. Fulton's North Davenport lots.

Henry Klindt, Sr. to Cecelia Klindt, northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section 16, Hickory Grove township.

Henry Klindt, Sr. to Cecelia Klindt, northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 7, Sheridan township.

Five Given Licenses.—Following are the couples given marriage licenses today from the office of the clerk of district court: C. E. Powell and Nellie May Moore, both of Walcott, Iowa; Julius Range of Davenport and Alma Hesse of Dubuque; Carl T. Meier and Esther A. Niensdett, both of Davenport; Albert Rock of Dixon, Iowa; and Hilda Kahrengrog of Dubuque, and Edward Palm of Chicago, and Dorothy Volmer of Davenport.

Seeks \$1,000 for Hints Sustained.—Claiming that while in the employ of the defendant, he was ordered to do labor that caused a strain, which has since resulted in a permanent injury, Harry Chieuro has filed suit for \$1,000 against the D. R. I. & N. W. Ry. Chicago was ordered by his foreman to cut weeds along the right of way of the railroad at Bettendorf, and was given a scythe. He was unfamiliar with the instrument and its use resulted in a strain.

Asks Accounting for Harness Shop.—Claiming that he was persuaded to give a bill of sale for property valued at between \$1,000 and \$1,500 in consideration of the receiver going on his bond, while he was held at the county jail, H. B. David has filed suit against Kettelsen of Walcott, asking an accounting. It is the contention of the plaintiff that he was the owner of a harness shop at Walcott, and that he owed the defendant \$200. While he was confined at the jail, he was approached, so he says, by the defendant, and urged to make over the shop to the defendant in consideration that the defendant sign his bond. This was done, and plaintiff claims that since then defendant has disposed of the property for \$500. He asks that an accounting be made by Kettelsen and all moneys derived from the sale, over and above the amount due the defendant, be returned to himself.

Bettendorf Case Is Moving Slowly.—The \$3,000,000 damage suit against Joseph W. Bettendorf, et al., of Eliza-beth H. Bettendorf, is progressing slowly. Mrs. Bettendorf was relieved of the stand Tuesday and accountants of the company were examined during yesterday. A number of other witnesses are still to be examined. It is probable that the case will run over Christmas.

Declines Call to Davenport Church.—Karl Wettstein, now attending the Dubuque college and seminary, has declined the call to the Mt. Ida Presbyterian church here and has accepted

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS

The northern low, the center of which has moved to northeastern Wisconsin, has caused snow or rain in Minnesota and the lake region, with strong winds on the great lakes and higher temperatures as far eastward as New England. A moderate barometric depression is central over Wyoming and precipitation has occurred on the north Pacific coast and in the northern Rocky mountain sections. An area of high pressure is over Washington and Oregon and lower temperatures prevail from those states to the upper Missouri valley, though no severely cold weather is reported. Fair weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight, followed Friday by increasing cloudiness. It will be somewhat colder tonight.

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.

	High.	Low.	Prep.
Boston	36	32	60
Buffalo	38	34	60
Davenport	41	35	60
Denver	66	32	60
Jacksonville	54	42	60
Kansas City	68	40	60
New Orleans	70	50	60
New York	39	35	60
Norfolk	46	32	60
Phoenix	56	44	60
St. Louis	56	44	60
St. Paul	56	44	60
San Diego	68	54	60
San Francisco	64	50	60
Seattle	46	40	60
Washington	44	36	60
Winnipeg	38	28	60
Yellowstone	38	28	60

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Wheat—Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Dec.	1.21 1/2	1.25	1.20 1/2	1.24 1/2
May	1.23 1/2	1.28	1.22 1/2	1.25 1/2
Corn—				
Dec.	70 1/2	71 1/2	70	71 1/2
May	74 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75
Oats—				
Dec.	42	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
May	45 1/2	46	45 1/2	45 1/2
Pork—				
Jan.	18.27	18.37	18.27	18.35
May	18.45	18.52	18.45	18.50
Lard—				
Jan.	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57
May	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.57
Ribs—				
Jan.	9.50	9.52	9.50	9.50
May	10.20	10.22	10.15	10.15

London Silver.

London, Dec. 23.—Bar silver 25 12 1/2 per ounce. Money 4 1/4 per cent.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Judge Frank D. Ramsay, who has been holding court in Aledo, is scheduled to preside in circuit court here this afternoon, when arguments in the case of E. G. Erickson et al. vs. Lundahl Fuel & Contracting company, Moline, will be resumed. Judge Ramsay heard part of the case in branch court a few weeks ago before going to Mercer county. Judge Church expects to leave for home this afternoon to remain until after the holidays. Judge Ramsay will probably not be able to conclude the Lundahl matter until tomorrow.

Three wills were admitted to probate by Judge B. S. Bell yesterday. In the last testament of J. H. Dowdley, Rock Island, made Nov. 7, this year, the following children were given \$2,500 apiece: Mrs. Bessie Jefferson, Sioux City, Iowa; Harry Dowdley, and Charles Dowdley, Clara City, Minn.; Guy and Roy—Dow